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JACKSON TOUCHDOWN CLUB HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—Patients at Mississippi State Hospital's child and adolescent unit, Oak Circle Center, received a special holiday treat last week thanks to the efforts of some local groups.

The Jackson Touchdown Club, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and Soulshine Pizza all stopped by Oak Circle Center (OCC) on Thursday, Dec. 15 to host a Christmas party for the children who are receiving services through the hospital during the holiday season. Organized by the Jackson Touchdown Club, the kids were served 40 pizzas that the Soulshine staff cooked on site, and got to watch a fun, educational program from MDWFP officers.

Mississippi State Hospital is host to hundreds of volunteers during the holiday season as groups and individuals come to the campus to throw holiday parties for MSH patients and residents. The Jackson Touchdown Club, like many groups, has a history of serving those at the hospital. They regularly visit during the holidays, and have hosted parties during other times of the year, including a summer fish fry during which they arranged for a helicopter to land so OCC patients could get an up-close and personal look at the military equipment.

Founded in 1946, the Jackson Touchdown Club is a non-profit organization made of members from throughout the metro area. Among its other volunteer activities, the club also provides two college scholarships to young people every year. The only criterion for membership is simply to love the sport of football.

For more information about the Jackson Touchdown Club, visit www.jacksontouchdownclub.com.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED:

1 – Members of the Jackson Touchdown Club served patients at Mississippi State Hospital's child and adolescent unit during a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 15. The group also arranged for a presentation from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

2 – Staff members of Soulshine Pizza generously cooked 40 pizzas at the hospital to serve MSH patients at Oak Circle Center, Mississippi State Hospital's child and adolescent unit.